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REMARKS

The specification has been amended in minor respects to reflect the substitution of the more appropriate term "transfer" unit for "transmission" unit, to more clearly distinguish that component from the transmission on the output side of the torque sensor. Additionally, several of the claims have been amended, and claim 105 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer because the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into amended claim 1.

Claims 88, 117, 118, 130, 137, 140, and 151 were either objected to based upon informalities or were suggested to be amended. In that regard, each of the examiner's suggestions has been adopted, and each of those claims has been amended.

Claims 145 and 153 have been amended in order to correct typographical errors.

Claims 91 through 95, 98, and 99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not enabled by the disclosure. Again, the examiner's suggested amendment to claim 91 has been adopted, and claim 91 has been amended to incorporate that suggested amendment. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 91, as well as dependent claims 92 through 95, 98, and 99 on the ground of lack of enablement has been overcome.

Claims 92, 116, 135, 136, 138, and 139 were rejected as indefinite. Those claims have each been amended to overcome the instances of alleged indefiniteness that had been noted by the examiner, to thereby place them in definite form.

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A number of the claims were rejected on substantive grounds, either as anticipated or as obvious based upon the disclosures contained in several of the references that had been cited by the examiner. However, the examiner also identified a number of the dependent claims that were concluded to be directed to allowable subject matter. Consequently, the subject matter of claim 105, which was one of the claims that was indicated as having allowable subject matter, has been incorporated into independent claim 1, and claim 105 has therefore been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, amended independent claim 1 is now believed to be in allowable form, because as it now stands it presents in independent form the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 105. And because all of the remaining claims in the application (including those claims that had been withdrawn from consideration in view of applicants' election of species) depend from amended claim 1, either directly or indirectly, each of the remaining dependent claims is also now believed to be in allowable form.

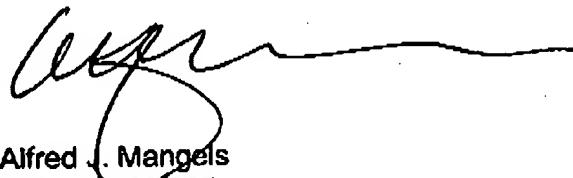
Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, the claims as they now stand in the application are believed clearly to be in allowable form. Each of the claims complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, and each also patentably distinguishes over the disclosures contained in the references that were cited and relied upon by the examiner, whether those references be considered in the context of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Consequently, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and thus reconsideration

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and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested with a view toward the issuance of an early Notice of Allowance.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this Amendment raises any questions, so that any such question can be quickly resolved in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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